

See as one of my Executors. I add this Codicil to remedy that defect, & as the absence of my second son Capt Pinckney in the Army will probably put it out of his power to be of use on the plantation, I therefore remove him from this Office of Executor, & hereby nominate my son in law A. M. Seabrook in his place.

In witness whereof I hereby declare this Codicil to be part & parcel of my last will & testament, & have hereunto set my hand & seal this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1865.

Signed, sealed & delivered as a Codicil to his will, by the Testator C. C. Pinckney the elder, in our presence who in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands.

M. M. Stansell
John L. Clark
J. M. Crews

C. C. Pinckney Seal

State of S. Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally appeared J. M. Crews -
one of the witnesses to the annexed will, and the Codicil thereto, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, made oath that he was personally present, and did see Charles C. Pinckney sign, publish, pronounce and declare the same as his last will and testament and that the testator was of sound mind, memory and understanding to the best of his judgement and belief - that J. W. Hodges and M. M. Stansell together with himself in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the will, and also that M. M. Stansell and John L. Clark together with himself did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the Codicil thereto. Said witnesses signing their names in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator.

Accomplished this 17 June 1865 }
William Hill. J. C. S.

J. M. Crews.

South Carolina } Having examined J. M. Crews one of the witnesses to the annexed
Abbeville Dist } will and the Codicil thereto, and being satisfied that it is the
true last will of the said Charles C. Pinckney decd. -

"It is Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form"
17 June 1865. William Hill. J. C. S.

State of S. Ca } Personally came before me Charles C.
 Abbeville Dist } Pinckney one of the Executors named in
 the annexed will, and upon oath says that said paper
 contains the true last will of the said Charles C. Pinckney
 dec'd. to the best of his knowledge and belief - that he will
 well and truly execute the same, so far as the goods and
 chattels will thereto extend and the law charge him,
 and that he will make a true and correct inventory of
 all such goods and chattels, and return the same into
 the office of the Ordinary of said District within the time
 prescribed by law - so help me God -

Sworn before me

17 June 1865.

Willems Hill road

C. C. Pinckney

Last Will & Testament.

of
 Robert P. Knox dec'd

The State of S. Carolina

Abbeville District.

In the name of God! Amen

I, Robert P. Knox of the State, and
 District aforesaid being at the present time in a very
 low condition of health, and not expecting to remain
 long in this world, but thanks be to God, I am in the
 full enjoyment of mind, memory and understanding, have
 thought it proper to make some disposition of any property
 which I may have or leave at my death, and now declare
 the following as my last will and testament.

- 1 I bequeath my body to the ground from whence it was taken
 and I humbly recommend my soul to God, through the all-
 sufficient merits of my Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2 I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be
 paid.
- 3 I desire that a plain decent head and foot stone of marble
 be placed on my grave, and also that a head & foot stone
 be erected at the grave of my deceased mother.
- 4 That ^{the} remainder of residue of my estate I wish to give
 and do hereby bequeath in equal shares to my respective
 nieces - to wit - the daughters of my late Brother David,
 the daughters of my late sister Martha Pennel, and the
 only child and daughter of my late brother Nathaniel.
- 5 The shares respectively falling to any of my nieces,
 above referred to I desire shall be confined to their
 own use behoof and benefit and not subject to the debts
 (Contracts)

contracts or liabilities of any husband which either of them may have, and at the death of any of them such share to be distributed to their heirs at law.

6. I nominate, constitute and appoint my brother John Knox and my friend B. F. Hughes the executors of this will.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this 18th May 1865.

R. P. Knox (Seal)

Signed sealed, published and declared by R. P. Knox as his last will in our presence, and we in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribe our names as witnesses.

J. Branch

W. C. Moore

Thos G. Herbert.

The State of S. Ca } Personally appeared Wm. C. Moore one of
Abbeville District } the subscribing witnesses to the within writing
and being duly sworn, deposes that he was personally present
and did see Robt. P. Knox sign, seal, publish and pronounce
the same to be his last will and testament - that the
testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and
understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief -
that J. Branch and Thos. G. Herbert together with himself
in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each
other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execu-
tion of the same.

Sworn before me this 19 June 1865.

W. C. Moore.

William Hills, o.a.d.

State of S. Ca } Having examined Wm. C. Moore, one of
Abbeville Dist. } the subscribing witnesses to the within
writing, and being satisfied that it is the true last will
of the said R. P. Knox - "it is Ordered that it be admitted
to Probate in Common form"

19 June 1865

William Hills o.a.d.

The State of S. Ca }
Abbeville District } Personally appeared John Knox - one of
the Executors named in the within will, and being sworn
says, that the said writing contains the true last will of
R. P. Knox decd. so far as he knows and believes - that
he will well and truly execute the same by paying first

(the)

the debts and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will thereunto extend, and the law charge him, and that he will make and return into the Ordinarys Office of the said District a true and correct inventory of all the goods and chattels of the said deceased -

Sworn before me this 19 June 1865
William Hill o.d.

John Knox

Last Will & Testament
of
Samuel Agnew, dec'd

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

I Samuel Agnew of said

State and District being of sound

mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and Testament in form and manner following (viz) I will my soul to God who gave it and my Body to the dust from whence it came. I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid I will to my beloved wife Sarah Agnew (during her natural life or widowhood) my home Tract of Lands containing Three Hundred and seventeen acres more or less also the Cotton Gin & Thrasher and all appertaining to them the Blacksmith Tools and two Cross cut-saws to remain on the place for the use of my said wife and two sons - A. M. Agnew & J. A. Agnew as long as the said Lands and articles may remain in the Possession of my said wife Sarah Agnew and at the termination of the estate herein given to my wife Sarah Agnew either by Death or Marriage the Property above named to be disposed of by my Executor hereafter named as the Residue of my Estate I further desire that during the Possession of the Property above named by Sarah Agnew there is to be no waste of Timber but only used to keep up the plantation; nevertheless my son J. A. Agnew may be allowed to Remove one of the Negro Houses if thought necessary.

I will to my wife Sarah Agnew for her sole use and Benefit the following named Slaves with their increase (viz) Handy Beckus Mariak John & Harriet one mule named (Kit) her choice of my Buggy & harness Eight hundred pounds of netts Pork Eighty pounds of Lard one hundred and fifty Bushels of Corn four hundred pounds of flour fifteen hundred Bundles of

fodder one saw and pigs all the cattle with their increase that my said wife Brought with her when I married her with sufficient Rough feed to feed them one year. I also will to my beloved wife all the Household and Kitchen furniture that she brought with her, and a Walnut Centre Table also. I will to my son A. M. Agnew a Tract of Land containing Three hundred and five acres more or less known as the Surin Tract I will to my son James A. Agnew a Tract of Land known as the Drummond Tract containing Two hundred acres mor or less it is my desire that the Tracts of Land above given to my Sons A. M. & J. A. Agnew be taken by them at a valuation made by the appraisers of my estate but should they or either of them prefer the Land to be sold and the amounts to go into my Estate to be divided as my other property and should they take the Land at the valuation the amount to be counted in their share.

I will to my son James A. Agnew my saddle and one negro Boy named Ezekiel to him free of any accounting for valuation, I will and desire that all the Residue of my negroes be divided into five Lots as near equal as possible and valued and that my five Children A. M. Agnew, Lucy A. Rasor Elizabeth A. Agnew, James A. Agnew and Edney Frances Smith draw for their respective Lots so that each one shall draw one Lot and those drawing Lots of negroes of more value shall amount to those drawing Lots of less value so that all shall be placed on an Equality but should my said Children disagree with regard to the division of my negroes in that Case I desire that my executors may sell such negroes as cannot be satisfactorily divided under the restrictions hereafter mentioned.

I will that all the Residue of my Estate not before named to be sold at such times and upon such terms as to them may seem best: and paying all just debts and necessary expenses to be divided share and share alike between my five Children before named, or their legal Representatives under the restrictions herein mentioned so that all my Children shall share equally except J. A. Agnew whom I desire to receive the saddle and negro boy Ezekiel therein named over and above the rest;

I will and direct that all the estate of whatever kind soever coming to my daughter Edney F. Smith under my

will shall be in Trust for her sole use and benefit during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between the Heirs of her Body share and share alike.

It is my desire that should my wife Sarah Agnew not need all the land hereby given to her for life or widowhood for Cultivation that the same to be idle and not to be rented. I hereby appoint J. J. W. Marshall Trustee of the property left in Trust to my Daughter Edney F. Smith, and Lastly I appoint A. M. Agnew, James A. Agnew and James C. Raso Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

In witness my hand and seal the Twenty seventh day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

Raul. Agnew *LS*

Signed sealed, declared and Published as the last Will and Testament of the said Raul Agnew and us in his presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the execution of the same.

G. M. Mattison

V. Young

M. C. Henderson.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came M. C. Henderson one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath that he was personally present and did see Raul Agnew sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said paper to be his last Will and Testament and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief. That G. M. Mattison and V. Young, together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Done before me this
19 Sept 1865.

M. Hilliard

M. C. Henderson.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Having examined M. C. Henderson, one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being

satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Sam^l. Agnew decd. - Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.
19 Sept 1865 William Hill. O. & C.

South Carolina } Personally came A. M. Agnew & Jas
Abbeville District } J. A. Agnew, His. named in the annexed
will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God say, that the within paper is the true last will of the
said Saml Agnew, and that they will well and truly
execute the same by paying first the debts and then the
legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels
will extend and the law charge them - that they will
make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the
said District a true Inventory and appraisement of
the estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed
by law.

sworn to before me }
19 Sept 1865. }
W. Hill. O. & C. }

Alex M. Agnew }
J. A. Agnew }

The Last Will & Testament
of Nidus Malone decd

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

I, Nidus Malone of the State and Dis-
trict aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, and calling
to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose of
all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me
with; do make and ordain this my last will in manner following
- that is to say: I desire that immediately after my decease that all
of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

After payment of my debts and funeral expenses I desire that my
wife Louisa Malone, have the use and benefits of my entire estate,
as well real as personal, untill such time as my Daughter Sarah
Francis shall become twelve years of age; at which time I desire
that all of my property be sold and the proceeds divided amongst
my wife and children as the Law of said State direct, and it is
my desire that upon my said wife's ceasing to be my widow, either
by death or marriage, whichever shall first happen, that my property
be immediately sold and the proceeds divided as above directed.

And lastly I do constitute and appoint my said wife Executrix,
of this my last will & Testament by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
(affixd)

my seal this the 11th Sept 1865.

Signed, sealed & declared
in the presence of
L. H. Rykard
Rachel Hughey
Edmund Anderson

Nidus ^{his} Malone
mark

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came L. H. Rykard one of the
subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath, that he was
personally present, and did see Nidus Malone sign, seal, pub-
lish, pronounced and declare the said paper to be his last will
and Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and
disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of
his knowledge and belief. - that Rachel Hughey and Edmund
Anderson together with himself, and in the presence of the
Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their
names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

L. H. Rykard

Sworn before me this
25 Sept 1865.

W. Hill. o. a. d.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined L. H. Rykard, one of
the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being
satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of
Nidus Malone dead: Ordered that it be admitted to probate
in Common form.

25 Sept 1865

William Hill. o. a. d.

South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came Louisa Malone Executrix-
named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God, says that the within paper is
the true last will of the said Nidus Malone dead: and
that she will well and truly execute the same by paying
first the debts and then the Legacies therein contained, so
far as the goods and Chattels will extend and the law charge
her - that she will make and return into the Office of the

Ordinary of the said District, a true Inventory and Appraisement
of the estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by Law
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25 Sept 1865.

Louisa Malone

W. H. C. 028

The Last Will & Testament
of H. Waller Wardlaw, dec'd

The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

In the name of God! Amen!!

I, Hugh Waller Wardlaw, Planter, of the District and State
aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind, memory and
understanding - wishing to make disposition of my entire
estate do execute this my last will and testament.

- Item 1st I will, devise and direct my Executor herein after named
to pay all my just debts so soon after my decease as possible.
- Item 2nd In the event I should die leaving child or children surviving
me, I will devise and bequeath my entire estate both real
and personal to my beloved wife Elizabeth and such child
or children to be equally divided amongst them share and
share alike. In this division I devise and bequeath to my
said wife Elizabeth the Homestead and tract of land belong-
ing thereto - the same to be appraised by five Disinterested
persons to be selected by my Executor - she to take the same
at its appraised value as an advancement - she to account
for the same on final settlement of my Estate.
- Item 3rd Should I die without leaving child or children surviving
me then and in that event I will devise and bequeath my
entire estate of every nature and kind both real and personal
to my beloved wife Elizabeth to her and her heirs forever.
- Item 4. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend
Thomas C. Ferris Executor of this my last will and testa-
ment - Witness my hand and seal this 8th June day of
June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred,
and fifty seven.

Hugh W. Wardlaw (S)

Signed, sealed & published as the last will and Testament
of Hugh Waller Wardlaw in our presence, who have subscribed
the same in his presence and at his request

W. W. Perryman
R. M. Perryman
W. L. Appleton.

(In the matter of the will of H. W. Wardlaw -)

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came W. W. Ferryman, one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and being sworn on
 the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was
 personally present and did see Hugh W. Wardlaw, sign, seal,
 publish, pronounce and declare the said writing to contain his
 last will and testament, and that the testator was of sound and
 disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his
 knowledge and belief - that R. M. Ferryman, and W. A. Appleton
 together with himself, in the presence of the testator, and in the
 presence of each other signed their names as witnesses to the
 due execution of the same.

W. W. Ferryman

Sworn before me this

23 Sept 1865.

W. Hill, O. A. D.

The State of S. Ca

Abbeville Dist

Having examined W. W. Ferryman, one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the foregoing paper and being satisfied
 that it is the true last will of Hugh W. Wardlaw decd.

Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form

W. Hill, O. A. D.

23 Sept 1865

(Note by W. Hill Ordinary)

W. C. Perigo, the Executor appointed by the foregoing testator
 has this day filed a renunciation of said appointment
 and, in the mean time, the only Legatee Mrs Elizabeth Wardlaw
 having applied for Letters of Administration with the will
 annexed, she this day received Letters of Admⁿ - having entered
 into a sufficient bond to secure the trust.

See Renunciation Marked A with the paper of probate.

9 Oct 1865.

Last Will & Testament

of
Abram Haddon dec'd

In the name of God Amen.

I Abram Haddon of the District of Abbeville
 and State of South Carolina, being of sound

mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty
 of human life, and wishing to dispose of my worldly estate, do make this
 my last will and testament as follows.

- First - I desire that my Executors herein after named shall pay all my just
 and lawful debts.
- Second I give and bequeath unto my son R. W. Haddon fifty acres of land,
 to be surveyed from the South East Corner of the Tract of land on which
 I now live, to him and his heirs forever.
- Third. I will to my daughter Elvira, now the wife of James Magill the
 balance or residue of my tract of land (after the fifty acres are
 taken off, given to my son Robert W. Haddon) Together with all
 improvements and appurtenances thereon, to her during her life time,
 and at her death to her oldest son. The said land to be apprai-
 sed and considered as so much of her part of the distribution of
 my estate.
- Fourth. My will is that all my personal estate be sold and equally
 divided share and share alike between all my living children,
 or the lawful heirs of any who may not be living.
- Fifth - Having by the fourth item of this my will given equal shares of
 my personal estate, to all of my living children and their heirs.
 I make this proviso - that should my son Abram Wilson Haddon
 decease before the distribution of the respective shares of my estate
 that the share of the said A. W. Haddon be divided equally between
 all of my other children, and any child or children that my said
 son Abram Wilson Haddon may have is forever barred, from any claims
 to any part of my estate either in law or Equity, and also the wife
 of my said son is hereby debared from any interest or claim to
 any part of my estate.
- Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons John T. Haddon
 and Robert W. Haddon (and as Robert W. Haddon is now in the
 Army, and should he never return, then the said John T. Haddon
 and John Cowan are the sole Executors of this my last will and
 testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof, I do hereby set to my hand and seal
 the twenty fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand
 Eight hundred and sixty three.

Before signing this my will I wish to make a request of my
 legatees, that they buy all of my servants slaves and that they
 may not be bought by speculators.

Abram Haddon 

Signed, sealed and declared by the testator to be his last will in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed as witnesses thereto.

Witnesses - A. C. Hawthorn
J. I. Bonner
B. F. Hawthorn

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came J. I. Bonner, one of the
subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn
according to law, makes oath that he was personally present, and
did see Abram Haddon, sign, seal, pronounce, and declare, the
said paper to be his last will and testament, and that the Testa-
tor was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding
to the best of his knowledge and belief, that A. C. Hawthorn and
B. F. Hawthorn, together with himself, and in the presence of the
Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names
as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this
6th Oct 1865

W. Hill, c. a. d.

J. I. Bonner

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Having examined J. I. Bonner, one of the
subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper
and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament
of Abram Haddon, Ordered that it be admitted to Probate
in Common form

6 Oct 1865.

W. Hill, c. a. d.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came Robert W. Haddon & Jno.
T. Haddon Sons named in the annexed will
and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
say that the within paper is the true last will of the said Abram
Haddon decd. and that they will well and truly execute the
same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies therein
contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and
the law charge them. that they will make and return into
the office of the Ordinary of the said District a true Inventory
and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within
the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me
6 Oct 1865

W. Hill, c. a. d.

R. W. Haddon
J. T. Haddon

Last Will & Testament
of
John F. Simpson

In the name of God. Amen!
I, John F. Simpson of the district of Abbeville
and State of South Carolina, being about to leave
home for the Camp, in defense of the rights and liberties of my Coun-
try, and considering the Casualties of war and the uncertainty
of human life, do make publish and declare this to be my last
Will and testament.

- First - I give to my wife Louisa and my daughter Carie Hazletine,
the one half of my tract of land on which I now live ^{320 acres}
to be held in common by them during the natural life of my said
wife, or during her widowhood, at the death of my said wife
or her intermarriage the said land to go to my said daughter
Carie Hazletine and to her heirs.
- Second - I give to my son James H. Simpson absolutely and forever the
other half of my said land.
- Third - My will is that my executors hereinafter named, at my deceased
proceed to sell all my personal estate of whatever kind and
that from the proceeds thereof they pay all of my just and
lawful debts and the residue after paying all my debts be equal-
ly divided share and share alike, between my said wife
and all of my living children.
- Fourthly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend A. C. Hawthorn
and my son James H. Simpson, sole Executors of this my last
Will, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I do hereby set my hand and seal
this the twenty seventh day of July, One thousand eight hundred
and sixty three.

Signed sealed and declared by the testator to be his last will
in the presence of us, who at the testators request and in his pres-
ence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto -

The word Louisa & 320 acres
intended before signing

Witnesses

E. L. Patton.

J. M. Hawthorn

Peter Henry

John ^{his} F. Simpson (Sd.)
mark

South Carolina } Personally came Peter Henry one of the subscri-
Abbeville District } bing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being
sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that
he was personally present, and did see John F. Simpson sign, seal,

publish, pronounce and declare the said paper to be his last Will and Testament, and that the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief - that E. L. Patton and J. M. Hathorn together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Seen before me this
13. Oct. 1865 - W Hill, o.c.d.

Peter Henry.

South Carolina } Having examined Peter Henry, one of the
Abbeville District } subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and
being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament of J. F.
Simpson dec'd; Order that it be admitted to probate in Common form
13 Oct 1865 - William Hill, o.c.d.

South Carolina } Personally, came James H. Simpson Esq.
Abbeville District } named in the annexed will, and being sworn
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, says that the within
paper is the true last Will of the said J. F. Simpson dec'd and
that he will well and truly execute the said by paying first the
debts, and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the
goods and chattels will extend, and the law charge him -
that he will make and return into the office of the Ordinary
of the said District, a true Inventory and appraisement of the
Estate of the said deceased, within the time prescribed by law.
Seen to before me } J. H. Simpson
13. Oct 1865 }
W Hill, o.c.d. }

The Last Will & Testament
of
Martin C. Gay dec'd

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

Martin C. Gay dec'd

J. Martin C. Gay of the District of

Abbeville and State aforesaid, being anxious to make a disposition of my property whilst sound in mind and memory, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament.

- First. I direct my just debts to be paid by my Executor hereafter named in such manner and by such means as she may think proper.
- Second. I will to my beloved wife Louisa D. Gay, all of my property of every description of which I am possessed or have claim, real and personal - also my money at interest should there be any left after payment of debts, to her to have and to hold absolutely.

Third - I will and direct that the portraits of my Father and Mother shall be given to my nephew ^{July 5, 1865} Simonfield ^{son of} Gary.

Fourth I nominate and appoint my wife Louisa K. Gary the Executrix of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this the twenty fifth day of July Eighteen hundred and sixty three.

M. C. Gary (S)

signed sealed & published
in the presence of
J. N. Cochran
Newton Sims
F. A. Connor

South Carolina } Personally came Newton Sims, one
Abbeville District } of the subscribing witnesses to the
annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of
Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present and
did see Martin C. Gary, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and
declare the said paper to be his last will and testament,
and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, mem-
ory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and
belief - that J. N. Cochran and F. A. Connor, together with
himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence
of each other, did sign their names, as witnesses to the due
execution thereof -

Sworn before me this
17th Oct 1865.
W. Hill o.a.d

Newton Sims

South Carolina } Having examined Newton Sims
Abbeville District } one of the subscribing witnesses to the
annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last
will and testament of Martin C. Gary decd -

Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

William Hill, o.a.d

South Carolina } Personally came Louisa K. Gary Execu-
Abbeville District } trix named in the annexed will, and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, says
that the within paper is the true last will of the said
Martin C. Gary decd. and that she will well and truly
execute the same by paying first the debts and then the

legacies therein contained so far as the goods and Chattels will extend and the law charge her - that she will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District, a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law

sworn to before me

this 17 Oct 1865

H. Hill. o. d.

Louisa K. Gay

Last Will and Testament

of
Elizabeth Clay dec'd

In the name of God.

I, Elizabeth Clay of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina being of sound and disposing

mind memory and understanding do make and establish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows.

1st I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Catherine F. Wells - the house and lot in Mount Carmel on which I now reside, together with all the household and kitchen furniture of every kind to her and her heirs forever upon condition that my widowed grand-daughter Lucretia T. Pascall shall share with her in the benefits of this bequest so long as she remains a widow, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to deprive my grand-daughter Lucretia T. Pascall and her two children of a home so long as the mother or children remain unmarried. - I also give to my grand-daughter Catherine F. Wells my buggy and harness - I give to my son William A. Clay all my promisory notes and evidences of debt of all kinds whatever provided he pay to my grand-daughter Elizabeth Clay the sum of four hundred dollars should the whole amount be collected, or a proportionate sum upon the amount which may be collected.

I appoint my son William A. Clay executor to this my will. - In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 30th day of July 1865.

In presence of

M. O. Talman

Jas. E. Baker

L. J. McAllister

South Carolina

Abbeville District

Personally came M. O. Talman one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see Elizabeth Clay sign

pronounce and declare the said paper to be her last will and testament, and that the testatrix was, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - that J. C. Baker and L. J. McAllister together with himself, and in the presence of the testatrix and in the presence of each other, did sign their names, as witnesses to the due execution thereof -

Sworn before me this

23 Oct 1865 -

W. Hill, o.a.d.

M. O. Talman

South Carolina } Having examined M. O. Talman one of the subscribers
Abbeville District } being witnesses to the annexed paper, and being
satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Elizabeth
Clay decd. Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common form
23 Oct 1865 -

William Hill o.a.d.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally saw William A. Clay, Grantor
named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists
of Almighty God says, that the within paper is the true last will of
the said Elizabeth Clay decd. and that he will well and truly
execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies
therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and
the law charge him - that he will make and return into the
office of the Ordinary of the said District a true Inventory and
appraisement of the Estate of the said decedent within the time
prescribed by law

Sworn to before me this

23 Oct 1865

W. A. Clay.

Last Will and Testament
of
Allen Vance deceased

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District.

In the name of God Amen.

I, Allen Vance, being frail in body but sound in mind, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly effects as it has pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain this my last will in the following manner.

- First After my Death, I desire my body decently buried,
Second I desire all my just debts paid as soon as it can be conveniently done after my death.
Third being possessed of Real & Personal property in the State & Dist.

(above)

above named & in the County Bossier and State of Louisiana
 The property in the State of Louisiana both real & personal
 of every kind, including the plantation which contains about
 Seventeen Hundred acres (1700 acres) with all crops Stock
 of all kinds plantation & farming tools and implements,
 with all property & interest of every sort, including all debts
 then due, also including an interest I have in some Ten
 to Twenty Negroes, hired by Mr. & J. Wist, of which I have
 an equal interest with him - all of this property I will
 & bequeath to my Three children Mrs. C. Vance Mary E. Vance
 Laura C. Vance.

This property it is my will and desire to
 remain together as it now is but to be under the control
 and direction of my Executor, (hereafter named) till my
 Daughter Laura C. Vance arrives at the age of Eighteen
 years (18 years) if my Executor then think it to the
 interest of my children, I wish all this property of every
 sort then on that plantation, including the plantation
 sold, and the proceeds equally divided between my Three
 named children. but should any one of the Three named
 children die before that time, and leave no child or children
 then to be equally divided between the surviving children, but
 should either of the Three children die and leave living
 child or children then such child or children to be entitled
 to receive its Parents part.

it is my wish & desire that ^{my} Daughter Lauras education
 be made as complete as possible, my son John I wish to
 take the proper steps to complete his Education, which I
 wish done at the best Colleges the South affords.

All sums that may be necessary for this purpose I wish
 drawn from my Louisiana Plantation.

it is further my wish, that if my Executor find at any
 time after my Death that there will not be sufficient funds
 here to answer all reasonable demands for the Family, for
 their Comfort & support it is my wish that my Executor
 draw from my Louisiana Plantation, what ever may be really
 necessary for this purpose,

Fourth

I give and bequeath to my wife Mary M. Vance (in lieu
 of her interest in my Louisiana possessions both real & personal)
 during her natural life, One House & Lot in the Village of
 Greenwood containing about Twenty three acres, also the
 Upper Tract containing about Four Hundred & Eighty Five

- aces, at the Death of my wife then then these Two Tracts of Land to go back to my Estate and be divided on said terms of my Louisiana Property, between my Three Children.
- Fifth All the Stock that may be necessary to keep on the said places Consisting of Three or Four Horses or mules, that my Executors have full power to sell or Exchange any Horses or Mules that do not suit, and to sell the balance of the Horses & Mules.
- Sixth I Give & bequeath to my wife Mary M. Vance during her natural life all other property on the Greenwood lot & the Win place Consisting of Hogs Cows Sheep, Goats, plantation tools New Carriage and Rockaway, Household & Kitchen Furniture all Provisions, viz. Corn Bacon Molasses, Flour & all other provisions on said places, also all the Wine and Brandy - with the sets of Stills now on the place, and all other property on said places not herein enumerated of every sort.
- Seventh It is my will that at my wife's Death that all the property conveyed to her during her life time by this will, then be sold and Equally divided between my Three Children, should either of them Die & leave no children, then to go to the surviving children, but should either die & leave living children, then the Child or children to be entitled to the portion that its parent would have been.
- Eighth it is further my wish that should it so happen that under any Circumstances that my wife Mary M. Vance should not be comfortable, or have not the means to be so from the Two places in South Carolina, that my Executors be empowered and directed, before division takes place with my Louisiana property, to take from the proceeds or income whatever sum they may find necessary to make her comfortable, this amount I wish my Executors to keep and to be used for her benefit, whatever of said amount unappropriated left at her Death, I wish to go back to my Estate, & to be divided as before provided.
- Ninth If on my Daughter Leana reaching the age of Eighteen years, my Executors find that it will be to the interest of my Estate to keep the Louisiana property all together, then I desire as long as they may think it to be the interest of my Estate.
- Tenth I hereby request my Executors, if Circumstances Justify, & they find they can conveniently do so to build on the Greenwood lot a good comfortable convenient dwelling House.
- Eleventh I desire good & appropriate Tomb Stones placed over my Grave, as well as others of my family who have died or may die.

- Twelfth I am just indebted to my brother J. H. Harrison on note the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, which amount I request my Executors to pay out of any funds that may accrue to my Estate. I wish this debt paid in full, regardless of any Law that may be passed in the United State or State Government.
- Thirteenth The Bay Mare Ema I gave my son Jnr in 1860 I desire him still to keep without accounting for.
- Fourteenth I do appoint my Brother J. W. Vance of Louisiana & my son John C. Vance my Lawful Executors to carry into effect this my last will. and I hereby enjoin on my Brother J. W. Vance to give all assistance & instruction to my son John in conducting the effects of my Estate, as his age & Experience will be much service to my son John. I further request my Brother to render all the assistance that may be in his power to my Family. - it had been my great desire to see him once more, but that pleasure may be denied me. I beg that the regard he has ever manifested for me may be bestowed on my Family.
- Fifteenth I further will & request my Executors to buy as soon as convenient, a good gold watch for each of my three children, a good & appropriate gold chain to accompany each watch.
- Sixteenth. Executed this 29th day of July 1865.

I herunto Put my Hand & Seal

Allen Vance 

Signed in the presence of
 John T. Parks
 W. C. Vance
 Emanuel J. Wiss
 J. Bailey

Codicil First.

in addition to my last will I now add this Codicil.

I wish and request my Executors to carry into effect a Contract made a short time since between myself and J. W. Vance, for one Hundred Bales of Cotton (100 Bales) said Contract is now in my possession. I wish my Executors to carry in to effect, & loan him from my Louisiana plantation the Hundred Bales of Cotton. I also empower & request my Executors to loan E. J. Wiss, one Hundred Bales Cotton from my said Louisiana plantation, payment of this One Hundred Bales to be secured


to my estate, by a Mercantile House to be located in Charleston of which J. K. Vance M. Straus & J. Weiss Inc. & Vance are to be partners, the name & style of the House to be decided on before they commence business.

I also loan my son John C Vance One Hundred Bales of Cotton from my said Louisiana Plantation to be stored in said Mercantile House in Charleston

I also authorize my son Inc. C Vance to loan to said Mercantile House Fifty Bales of Cotton, in addition to the above if he thinks advisable, but not to exceed the Fifty Bales

All the above named lots of Cotton, to be accounted for to my Estate for whatever the balance may be sold for by my Executors, Gold being the basis for the settlement of all the Cotton herein named.

I hereby authorize my Executors to add whatever amount of Stamps that may be required to legalize & make valid this my last will

Witness my hand & Seal this 27th day of August 1865
Allen ^{his} Vance 


Signed in presence of
Thos. H. Chappell
J. F. Davis
J. T. Parks
J. H. Vance
J. Bailey.

Codicil Second.

In addition to my preceding Will, It is my Will and desire that my Executors pay to my Daughter Mary on her arriving at age or when she marries (if she marries before she becomes of age) The sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, provided my Executors do not believe that amount will be more than one third of my Estate in Louisiana, If however they should believe that amount would be more than one third, then in that case they are to pay to her such a sum as they believe will be equal to one third of my Estate in Louisiana - Except Lands Stock, plantation tools ^{which} are not to be sold to raise that sum for her benefit, as these are to be kept together, as before provided.

This amount is regarded as an advance.

It is my will that my son John shall not pay interest on the One Hundred Bales Cotton, loaned him as specified in Codicil Number One, it is to be considered as an advance as with the amount to be paid to my Daughter Mary.

Witness my Hand & Seal this 29th day of August 1865
Allen ^{his} Vance 

Signed in presence of
 Wm Williams
 John McLees
 J. F. Davis
 J. Bailey

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came James Bailey, one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the within writing, and being sworn on the
 Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, made oath that he was personally
 present and did see Allen Vance sign, seal, publish, pronounce and
 declare the said writing to be his last Will and testament, and that
 the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understand-
 ing to the best of his judgement and belief that John F. Parks, W. C.
 Vance, Emanuel J. Weiss together with himself, in the presence of each
 other, and in the presence of the testator did sign their names as wit-
 nesses to the will, and that Tho. H. Chapfelle, J. F. Davis, J. L. Parks
 and J. H. Vance together with himself in the presence of each other, and
 in the presence of the testator signed their names as witnesses to the first
 Codicil thereto dated 27 Aug 1865. and that William Williams,
 John McLees and J. F. Davis together with himself in the presence of
 each other and in the presence of the testator signed their names as
 witnesses to the second Codicil dated 29 August 1865.

J. Bailey

Subscribed me 27 Oct. 1865

William Hill o.c.d.

Having examined J. Bailey one of the subscribing witnesses to the within
 writing and being satisfied that it is the true last Will and testament of
 Allen Vance decd. Orders that it be admitted to probate in Common form.

27 Oct. 1865.

William Hill. o.c.d.

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District }

Personally came John C Vance - one of the Execu-
 tors named in the within Will, and being sworn on the Holy Evange-
 lists of Almighty God, made oath that the within paper is the true
 last Will of Allen Vance decd, to the best of his knowledge and
 belief, and that he will well and truly execute the same by paying
 first the debts and then the legacies therein contained so far as
 the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge him -
 that he will make and return into the office of the Ordinary

of said District a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate
of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law
Sworn before me

Jno C Vane

27 Oct 1865-

William Hill of ft

Last will & Testament } South Carolina
of } Abbeville District.
James Z. H Swilling } In the name of God. Amen

I James Z H Swilling of the State & District
afo^s. being of sound mind and memory but weak in body
knowing the uncertainty of life the certainty of death have
thought proper to make and ordain this my last will and testam-
ment in manner and form following - viz -

- Item 1st - I give my soul to god and my body to the dust in the blessed
hope of a glorious Resurrection beyond the Grave.
- Item 2 It is my will and I do hereby so ordain that my tract of
Land be rented out from year to year (by my Executor herein-
after appointed) until my youngest child comes of age, the
rent to be equally divided between my four sisters, and when
the youngest comes of age then it is my will that the Land
be divided into two tracts (by disinterested persons to be selected
by my Executors) as near in value as may be, and be by them
appraised and in the event that my sisters cannot agree
then they shall decide by lot which lot of land each of two
of them shall take and the two who get the Land either
by agreement or by lot shall pay the other two Equal amounts
so that each shall share and share alike.
- Item 3. It is my will in reference to my Negroes that they be placed
in the same position of the other Negroes of my Father's Estate
and be subject to the same provision as therein contained
which according to my understanding is that they are to be
Equally divided between my four sisters as they come of age
each to share and share alike.
- Item 4 I do hereby constitute and appoint my two uncles, Zachariah
Hall and William S Shillford my sole Executors to carry
into effect this my last will and testament and they are
hereby empowered to make all rights and titles, bills of sale
&c and all their acts in accordance with this my will are
hereby declared to be Bona fide to all intents and purposes

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this 25th day of January in the year
(of)

of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred an sixty four (1864)
 Jas. Z. H. Swilling (Seal)

In presence of
 Nathaniel Gaines
 Tabitha Hall
 Amaziah Rice

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Personally came Amaziah Rice one of the
 subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the
 Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally
 present, and did see Jas Z. H. Swilling, sign, seal, publish, pro-
 nounce, and declare the said paper to be his last will and
 Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing
 mind, memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge
 and belief - that Nathaniel Gaines and Tabitha Hall, together
 with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the
 presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the
 due Execution thereof.

Sworn before me 15 Oct 1864
 W. Hill. o & d

A. Rice.

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Having examined Amaziah Rice, one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that
 it is the true last will and testament of Jas Z. H. Swilling decd
 and that it be admitted to probate in Common form,

15 Oct 1864

William Hill. o & d

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Personally came J. Hall & Wm J. Millford
 Executors named in the annexed will, and being duly sworn
 on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, say that the within
 paper is the true last will of the said James Z. H. Swilling decd -
 and that they will well and truly execute the same, by paying
 first the debts and then the Legacies therein contained, so far as
 the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge them,
 that they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary
 of the said District, a true Inventory and appraisement of the
 Estate of the said decedent within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me

26 Oct 1865 -

W. Hill. o & d

J. Hall
 Wm J. Millford

Last Will & Testament
of
Margaret Gaines decd

State of South Carolina
Abbeville District

I Margaret Gaines being of sound & disposing mind, but in full health do make this my last will & Testament. Whereas Doct F. Branch, by a Deed dated the seventh of October eighteen hundred & forty eight, conveyed to my brother Andrew Wilson a negro Girl Clarissa and her son Tom in trust for my sole & separate use, for life, with power to dispose of the said Slaves by will at my death - and whereas the said Girl Clarissa has since had two children now living Sally & Henry - Now in pursuance of the said power I do hereby bequeath & dispose of the said property as follows -

I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid, and for that purpose that my slaves Clarissa Sally & Henry be sold by my Executor, and from the proceeds of the sale of said slaves after payment of my debts - I bequeath to my beloved nephew Samuel Wilson, son of my brother John Wilson, the sum of Eight hundred dollars - To my beloved Nieces Sarah Kennedy, Lucinda Morgan & Eliza Ann Wilson, I bequeath one hundred Dollars each.

If any thing remain, from the proceeds of the sale of said slaves, after the payment of my debts and legacies above named, I desire that the rest & residue be divided equally between my three nieces above named.

I give and bequeath to my nephew Andrew Miller Wilson son of my brother And. Wilson the boy Tom, to him & his heirs forever.

I appoint John H. Wilson Esq. the executor of this my last will -

Witness my signature this the 23rd day of Aug. 1856
Margaret Gaines

In the presence of
W. M. Hadden
J. W. Livingston
John A. Wier

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came John A. Wier, one of
the subscribing witnesses to the within paper, and being
sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God makes oath
that he was personally present, and did see Margaret Gaines

sign, publish, pronounce, and declare the within paper to be his last Will and Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - that J. W. Livingston & W. M. Hadden together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof -

Seen by me

29 Sept 1856

(W. Hill o.p.d.)

John A. Wier

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Having examined John A. Wier, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Margaret Saines dec'd -
Orders that it be admitted to probate in Common form -
29 Sept 1856 - (W. Hill o.p.d.)

State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

Personally came John H. Wilson Sec'r named in the within will and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, upon oath says that the within paper is the true last will of the said Margaret Saines dec'd - and that he will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge him - that he will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District, a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time prescribed by law

Seen to before me

29 Sept 1856

(W. Hill o.p.d.)

J. H. Wilson

Last Will & Testament
of
David Terrel Oliver dec'd

South Carolina
Abbeville District

In the name of God, Amen.

I, David Terrel Oliver of the State of Miss.

Deeoto County do make and ordain this my last Will and testament.

Item 1st =

All my just debts are to be paid.

Item 2nd =

After my debts are paid my property personal and real to

be equally divided between my wife Sarah C. Oliver, my daughter Lizzie Terrel Oliver, and my son James Semmes Oliver, subject to the following conditions. viz. The property to be kept together until my children attain the age of twenty one years, provided neither my wife or either of my children marry before the children attain the age of twenty one year -

Item 3rd If my wife marries, or either of my ^{children} marry before the children attain the age of twenty one year, then the property to be appraised and equally divided between my wife and children - and I appoint my brother John T. Oliver guardian of the unmarried child, and of both children, if my wife marries. If my brother John T. Oliver should die or be killed in the service of his country, then Sim Oliver Jr will act as their guardian

Item 4th If my daughter Lizzie Terrel Oliver die before marrying, or without children living at her death, her property after the death of her husband shall revert to my estate and be equally divided among my heirs -

Item 5th If my children die before attaining the age of twenty one year or without heirs, then my wife to inherit the whole of my estate.

I appoint John T. Oliver & Sarah C. Oliver the executors of this my last will and testament

David Terrel Oliver ^(seal)

Signed, sealed and published by David T. Oliver as his last will and testament in presence of us the subscribing witnesses, who, in the presence of each other were called by said David T. Oliver to attest his execution, and the word children intalined in 3rd clause this 13th day of Feb A. D. 1864

Sam B. McClinton
Geo. W. Pressly
H. T. Sloan

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came Samuel B. McClinton one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see David Terrel Oliver, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said paper to be his last will and Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - that Geo. W. Pressly, and H. T. Sloan, together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this 26 Oct 1865
W. Hilliard

Sam B. McClinton

South Carolina } Having examined Saml. B. McClinton, one
 Abbeville District } of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed
 paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testa-
 ment of David Ferrel Oliver decd. "Ordered that it be admitted
 to probate in Common form.

26 Oct 1865.

William Hill o.s.d

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Personally came Sarah C. Oliver Executrix named
 in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of
 Almighty God, says that the within paper is the true last will of
 the said David Ferrel Oliver decd. and that she will well and
 truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the
 Legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattles will
 extend and the law charge her, that she will make and return
 into the Office of the Ordinary of the said District a true Inventory
 and Appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased within the time
 prescribed by Law

sworn to before me

26 Oct. 1865

W. Hill o.s.d

S. C. Oliver

Last Will & Testament
 of
 Fergus McMahon, decd

In the name of God Amen.

I, Fergus McMahon of the State of
 South Carolina and the District Abbeville

Being weak in Body, blessed of God with sound mind and
 memory, have thought proper to make and ordain this my last
 Will and Testament in maner and form following, 1st I
 wish my wife Zilphy McMahon after my Death, to have
 my Body decently buried and all my just Debts payed.

2^d. I will unto my Daughter Mary McMahon, one Milk Cow
 One Bedstead, one Bed, and the annexed Bedclothing

3rd. I will unto my beloved Wife Zilphy McMahon, all the
 balance of my Estate both Real and Personal - during her
 natural life, Consisting of Land ^{Money} Negroes - Namely two
 Hundred and seventy Acres of Land situated upon the waters
 of Rocky River Bounded North by Cregg Milford, East G. P
 P. Ferguson South by James Baskin - West by Rocky
 River. Also Consisting of seven Slaves - Namely Rachel
 a woman. Griffin a man. Anney a woman. Louisa a
 woman. George a boy. Charles a boy, these with their future
 increase, also Consisting of Horses Cattle Hogs, and other
 (Stock)

Stock. Corn, Wheat, Oats, Fodder, Farming Implements - Household
 and Kitchen furniture. And at the death of my beloved wife
 Zilphy McMahon - all of my Estate both real and personal
 to be sold and equally divided Among my living children,
 Except 1 Childs part I will to the children of ^{my son} Obadiah Mc
 Mahon, Deceased - Namely John McMahon, Elizabeth McMahon
 and Andrew McMahon - these three children to have and
 receive one child part Equally divided among them - and I also will
 to the children of my son Alexander McMahon Deceased, Namely
 John McMahon Nancy McMahon - and Thomas McMahon -
 these three children also to have and receive one childs part
 Equally divided among them, and if either of the above named
 children, should die without any children then their part -
 be equally divided among their surviving Brothers and sisters
 these six last named children to receive the one childs part
 of their Deceased Fathers portion of my whole Estate. I hereby
 Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Zilphy McMahon, -
 my Executrix to execute this my last Will and Testament with
 the authority to sell any off the stock, or produce at any time,
 she may think best, Either at private or Public Sale.
 And I hereby disannul all other wills - and make void all
 other forms, or Testaments heretofore written, made or appointed

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and
 affixed my seal, and publish this my Last Will and Testa-
 ment this the 23rd July eighteen hundred and sixty four

Fergus McMahon (L.S.)

signed in presence of
 J. B. Millford
 Pleasant Ferguson
 G. F. Steifer M.D.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came J. B. Millford one of
 the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being
 sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath
 that he was personally present and did see Fergus McMahon
 sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said paper
 to be his last Will and Testament, and that the Testator was
 of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to
 the best of his knowledge and belief - that Pleasant Ferguson and
 G. F. Steifer together with himself and in the presence of the Testator
 and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as

witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me, this
19 Oct 1865. W. Hill o.a.d.

T. B. Milford

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined T. B. Milford, one of the
submitting witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied
that it is the true Last Will and Testament of Fergus Mc-
Mahon dec'd - Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Com. form
19 Oct 1865 W. Hill o.a.d.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came Zilpha McMahon Executrix
named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God, says that the within paper is the true
Last Will of the said Fergus McMahon dec'd. and that she will
well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and
then the Legacies therein contained so far as the good and
Chattels will extend and the law charge her - that she will
make and return into the Office of the Ordinary of the said
District a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of
the said deceased within the time prescribed by law

Sworn to before me
23 Oct 1865. W. Hill o.a.d.

Zilpha ^{the} McMahon
make

Last Will & Testament
of
John R. Willson dec'd

S. Carolina. Abbeville District
In the name of God Amen.

I. J. R. Willson of the State & District

afforeaid being in good health & of sound & disposing mind
& memory Do make this as my last Will and Testament.

First. I will that after my decease my Executors sell so much of
my Real or personal Estate, as they think best, or part of both
as will pay all my just debts: the balance of my Estate
to remain together as a whole to raise & educate my
children, up to 1st January 1870 except some of my children
should marry before that time, then & in that case I desire
that at least Two Thousand Dollars worth of property be
advanced to such to Commence on. This property, either in
real or personal to be taken at appraisement, & to be account-
ed for out of their share of my Estate at the final settlement
on the First of January 1870. I desire that all my property

both real and personal be sold or divided among my wife & children equally. The land which my wife inherited from her father S. Reid of course will be at her own disposal.

Nevertheless, the property which my daughter Eliza Jane Willson may be entitled to out of my Estate, at the Settlement, shall be for her sole & separate use, for and during her life time, and at her death to her child or children, should she leave any, but she die leaving no child or children then my will is that the same be equally divided among my other children, or their heirs, and to carry out this provision I do constitute and appoint my son James S. Willson Trustee for my daughter Eliza Jane Willson who shall have the control of her Estate so as not to permit the same to be spent, but kept in such a way as my daughter can have the use & benefit of the same for & during her life. And last I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Willson, James S. Willson & Samuel Reid my Executors to execute this my last Will and Testament. Signed & sealed in the presence of these witnesses this 12 day of October 1861.

John R. Willson 

Witnesses

A. C. Hawthorn
A. H. Magee Sr.
B. F. Moreley

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came A. C. Hawthorn one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath, that he was personally present, and did see John R. Willson sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare, the said paper to be his last Will and Testament, and that the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - that A. H. Magee, Sr. and B. F. Moreley together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

sworn before me this
7 Nov 1865.

A. C. Hawthorn

(W. Hill oad

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined A. C. Hawthorn one of the

Mrs. Mary Willson, the 9th named in this will is, duly
 qualified as such on the 16 Sept 1865 - to whom letters testy
 were issued. W. Hill, c. c.

subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied
 that it is the true last will and testament of John R. Willson
 dec'd. - Ordered that it be admitted to Probate in Common form.

7 Nov 1865

William Hill c. c.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came Lemuel Reid Executor named
 in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists
 of Almighty God says, that the within paper is the true last
 will of the said John R. Willson dec'd., and that he will well and
 truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the
 legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels
 will extend and the law charge him - that he will make
 and return into the Office of the Ordinary of the said District
 a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said
 decedent within the time prescribed by law -

Sworn to before me

7 Nov 1865. W. Hill, c. c.

Lemuel Reid.

Last Will & Testament
of

John Marbut dec'd

The State of South Carolina,

Abbeville District.

I, John Marbut of the District and State

aforsaid do make this my Last Will and Testament - To wit.

- 1st It is my will that all my just debts be paid, and that all the
debts owing to me be collected by my Executor
- 2^d It is my will that after paying all of my just debts, that all
of my Estate both Real and personal shall be kept together during
the natural life or widowhood of my wife Martha Marbut
and at her death or intermarriage the whole Estate to be sold at
publick outcry and the proceeds arising therefrom to be Equally
divided amongst my Six children viz. John F. Marbut, Susan J.
Platty, Mary E. Marbut, Martha C. Marbut, Robert O. Marbut, William
R. Marbut share and share alike.
- 3^d I do hereby appoint my wife Martha Marbut Executor of this my
Last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and annul
all former wills made by me hereof.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this Tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand
 Eight Hundred and sixty three

John Marbut (L.S.)

Signed, Executed and acknowledged before us who subscribe

our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator.

Genna A Carter

W. E. Meriwether

W. B. Meriwether.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came W. B. Meriwether one of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath, that
he was personally present, and did see John Marbut sign said, publish
pronounce, and declare, the said paper to be his last will and testa-
ment, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory
and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that
Genna Carter and W. E. Meriwether, together with himself, and in
the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did
sign their names as Witnesses to the said Execution thereof.

Sworn before me, this

24 Nov 1865. (W. Hill, cad.)

W. B. Meriwether.

So. Carolina
Abbe. Dist.

Having examined W. B. Meriwether one of the Subscribing Witnesses
to the Annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last
Will and Testament of John Marbut dec'd. Ordered that
it be admitted to probate in Common form.

24 Nov 1865

William Hill, Judge

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came Martha Marbut Executrix
named in the Annexed Will, and being sworn on the Holy Evange-
lists of Almighty God, says, that the within paper is the true last
Will of the said John Marbut dec'd. and that she will well
and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then
the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattels
will extend, and the law charge her - that she will make
and return into the office of the Ordinary of the said District
a true Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said
deceased within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me

24 Nov. 1865

(W. Hill, cad.)

Martha Marbut
make

Last Will & Testament of Jonathan Johnson dec'd.

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Jonathan Johnson being of sound & disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. to wit.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife all of my Estate, real & personal during the term of her natural life or widowhood, after her decease it is my will that my Estate real & personal be Equally divided between my six Children, to wit, Lovit Green, Nancy Morley, Hugh McClain, Rebecca, Martha Bruce, Margaret E. Black, as all my children are of age, my Estate may be divided at the option of the parties Interested, by sale thereof at auction, or by appraisement: each taking at the appraised value, or in any other way which may be satisfactory to a majority of them. & I authorize my wife at her option to give off to either of our children a part of their respective shares, to be valued at the time by three disinterested Free holders; she may do so at any time she may think proper, or find it convenient. so to do, the property so given off to be considered in advance as a part of their respective share, as to make all equal on a final settlement. the share herein given or intended for my son Hugh McClain I give and bequeath the same to my son Lovit Green & his representatives in Trust nevertheless for the use and benefit of my said son Hugh McClain aforesaid.

Item 2nd As I have given to those of my children who have married a part of my Estate in advance it is my will that they respectively be charged with the same as follows to wit I have given to my daughter Nancy to the value of —
to my son Lovit Green to the value of —
to my daughter Martha to the value of —
to Margaret E. to the value of —


which several sums are to be taken into or added to my Estate on a final settlement thereof and so adjusted as to make all my children Equal share and share alike.

Item 3^d In case my wife should marry again, which I think is very improbable, in that case I give & bequeath to her a child's part say the one seventh of my Estate, the Estate in this case to be sold by my Executors after such Contingency & Equally divided between my wife & the children aforesaid, share & share alike say one seventh to each one of them counting in the advancements as above specified & directed.

Item 4th And lastly, I do hereby appoint my son Lovit Green Johnson and John M. Monley Executors of this my last Will & Testament, revoking all former Wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this & no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & fifty seven.

signed, sealed, published & declared
by the said Jonathan Johnson as his
last Will & Testament in our presence
who in his presence & presence of each
other witnessed the due execution thereof.

Jonathan Johnson 

James E. G. Bell

James G. Johnson

Robt. J. Bell.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came James E. G. Bell, one of
the subscribing Witnesses to the aforesaid paper, and being duly
sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that
he was personally present, and did see Jonathan Johnson, sign
seal, publish, pronounce and declare the said paper to be his
last Will and Testament - and that the testator was, of sound
mind and disposing memory and understanding to the best
of his knowledge and belief - that James G. Johnson and
Robt. J. Bell, together with himself, and in the presence of the
Testator, and in the presence of each other did sign their names
as Witnesses to the due execution thereof.

Sworn before me this

16 Decr 1865

William Hill, J. C. C.

James E. G. Bell.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Having examined James E. G. Bell
one of the subscribing Witnesses to the aforesaid paper, and
being satisfied that it is the true last Will and Testament
of Jonathan Johnson dec'd. "Ordered that it be admitted
to probate in Common form"

16 Decr 1865

William Hill J. C. C.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came Lovit Green Johnson and

John M. Morley Esq, named in the annexed will, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, says that the within paper is the true last will of the said Jonathan Johnson dec'd and that they will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies therein contained, so far as the goods and chattles will extend and the law charge them - that they will make and return into the office of the Ordinary of said District, a true Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of the said decedent within the time prescribed by laws.

Sworn to before me
16 Decr 1865
M. Hill, Ord.

L. G. Johnson
John M. Morley,

The Last Will & Testament
of Alexander Hunter dec'd

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Alexander Hunter being of sound & disposing mind & Memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following, to wit:
Item 1st To my daughter Sarah J. Cunningham I give and bequeath all that tract of land I purchased of John B. Clarknes containing I believe five hundred & sixty nine acres more or less, reference being had to the deed there of the boundaries will particularly & at large appear. to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 2nd To my son Samuel Hunter I give and bequeath a part of my home tract of land on which he resides, the number of acres I do not know the dividing line being a crop fence or rather fences lay begining on the west side on Mr Groves's line near a large poplar on hill side following my fence from Mr Groves's line running eastward untill it comes to the branch running from Samuel's Spring, thence up said branch untill it comes opposite the upper corner of my fenced of a field in corn at present, thence eastward along said fence untill it comes to the main publick Road, thence down said road a few yards untill it comes to an old Gate place - thence eastwardly on an other cross fence following the Crooks & Meanders untill it comes to a cross fenced or division fence made by & between son Samuel & son-in-law Joseph thence northwardly along said division fence untill it comes to my outside fence at Woods, thence north eastwardly following said fence untill it comes to the

Creek running from Joseph's Spring, thence up said Creek untill it comes to the line of the Climbree's tract all the land on the north or north west of this line & on the side on which Samuel resides & bounded by lands of the Climbrees tract, Mr. Tolbert, Mr. Harkness & others, all this part or tract I give to son Samuel his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item 3^d To my son Samuel I give and bequeath the following named negroes in addition to those previously given off to him - say Jobby & her four children Jethra, Nancy, Mary Jane & Kelley - Alfred, July and Angelina, with their future increase to him his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item 4th To my son Benjamin F. Hunter I give and bequeath the following named negroes in addition to those previously given off to him, say old Ben & his wife Mariah, Epps, Clark, Cynthia, Baxter, Pinkney, & Ely - Leah & her children Amosiah, Laura & Anderson with their future increase or issue, To him his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item 5th To my son Theodore Hunter I give and bequeath the following named negroes, say George, Moses, Dave Jr. Milley & her children Susan, John Mary & Charlot - Carter & her children Ely & Jacob - Ann & her children Griffin Anderson & Willis - June & his wife Hannah & their children Rachel & Casey - Green James & Elyak, with their future issue, To him his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item 6th To my daughter Sarah J. Cunningham, I give and bequeath the following named negroes in addition to those previously given off to them say Jacob, Sen. Henry, Peter, Caroline Jr. & her children Frances, Larkin & Minney - also Marlee, Harry Sen. & his wife Caroline Sen. James, Martha, Harry Jr. old Sarah old Dave, & his wife Scannah, Cato, with their future issue. To her, her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item 7th To my grandson James Ramsey son of my daughter Sarah I give and bequeath my negro girl Charlott with her future issue, his mother to have the use & benefit of said girl untill untill he attains the age of twenty one years to him, his heirs & assigns forever.


Item 8th To my namesake Alexander, son of Peter & Mariah Libert, I give my negro girl Polly with her future issue, his mother Mariah to have the use & benefit of Polly for & during her natural life, to him, his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item 9th To my grand daughters, daughters of my son Edwin dec^d. say Isabella, Caroline, Jane Emeline, & Sarah Ann Octavia, I give and bequeath the sum of twelve hundred dollars say ^{four} three hun-
(dec^d)

ded dollar each to be paid to them respectively say one-half thereof at twelve months after my decease & the other half the year after - to be paid by sons Samuel, Benjamin Theodore & Sarah Equally.

- Item 10th To my son Theodore I give one good feather bed, bedstead & furniture.
- Item 11th To my daughter Sarah I give and bequeath my home tract of land, excepting that part or so much thereof as are herein previously given to my son Samuel, also all my household & kitchen furniture (Books excepted) plantation & blacksmith tools to her, her heirs and assigns for ever.
- Item 12th To my son Alexander D. Hunter I leave him nothing not that I love him less than my other children, but because I have previously some years since given him his share as I suppose of my estate & because I believe that his circumstances at present are good & quite independent.
- Item 13th My library of books I wish to be divided into two lots of as nearly equal value as convenient, one division or half I give my daughter Sarah & the other half to my son Samuel, they may draw lots for choice in case they cannot mutually agree.
- Item 14th To my son Samuel & my daughter Sarah I give my stock Cattle and sheep to be equally divided between them, they may take at appraisement valuation share & share alike, my lot hogs I give to my daughter Sarah, my cotton gin Molarpes mill & Kettle I give to Sarah.
- Item 15th I give my stock of horses & mules to son Samuel, Benjamin & Theodore & daughter Sarah to be equally divided between them share & share alike they may take at appraisement valuation by consent or agree on any mode of division that will give satisfaction.
- Item 16th My shop tools (Carpenters) I give to son Benjamin to go with old Ben.
- Item 17th I have one old waggon & parts of others of little value all of which I give my daughter Sarah.
- Item 18th It is my will that all my just debts be paid - If there should not be sufficient funds on hand at time of my decease for this purpose without interfering with specific Legacies, It is my will that my property remain as heretofore on the premises for one crop year say until one more crop is made the proceeds of which may be applied to the payment of my debts aforesaid - this subject however is left

intirely to the opinion & discretion of my Executors,
 Item 19th - And lastly I do hereby appoint my son Samuel Hunter
 and James R. Cunningham Executors of this my last Will & Testament,
 revoking all former wills by me made. Ratifying & confirming
 this & no other to be my last Will and Testament - In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twentieth day
 of July - In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &
 fifty five.

A. Hunter 

Sign'd, Seal'd, published and declared by the sd.

A. Hunter as his last Will, in our presence who
 in his presence & the presence of each other subscrib'd
 our names as witnesses unto the date above

This will written on two pieces of paper attached with wafers.

J. D. Will Bankhead

Ely a F. Wood

W. G. Clark

I acknowledge the above contains my last Will & Testament
 bearing date 20th July 1864 & witnessed by Rev. Mr Bankhead,
 E. F. Wood, & W. G. Clark.

Circumstances having since changed I now make the
 following alteration in this my last Will above to wit. I Revoke
 & annul & make void the 9th clause of this will wherein I
 gave to the daughter of my son Edwin Twelve hundred dollars,
 the negroes herein being all set free by Government the parties
 will be unable to pay same.

It is my will that this Codicil shall constitute a part
 & parcel of this my last Will & Testament,

Witness my hand & seal this 25th day of July 1865.
 five.

Witness!

@ A. Pressly
 Tho. H. Cunningham
 Joseph L. Gilbert

A. Hunter 

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came J. D. Bankhead one
 of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn
 on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, and made oath, that
 he was personally present, and did see Alexander Hunter, sign, seal,
 publish, pronounce and declare the same to contain his last Will and
 Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind,

memory and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that Eliza F. Wood, and W. E. Clark, together with himself and in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

And also personally appeared before me D. A. Peasley one of the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil appended to the will of Alexander Hunter dec'd. and made oath that he was personally present, and did see the said Alexander Hunter, publish pronounced and declare the said writing to be a Codicil to his last will and testament - that the testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief - and Thos. H. Cunningham and Joseph L. Gilbert together with himself, in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the Testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Subscribed before me this 22nd July 1866
William Hile, c. c. d.

J. D. Witt, Buckhead
D. A. Peasley.

Having examined J. D. Witt, Buckhead and D. A. Peasley witnesses to the foregoing, and an^d will and Codicil thereto - and being satisfied that said writing contains the true last will of the said Alexander Hunter dec'd -

Orders that it be admitted to probate in Common form
22 July 1866. William Hile

The State of S. C.

Abbeville District } Personally appeared Samuel Hunter and James R. Cunningham, executors named in the annexed will of A. Hunter dec'd. and being duly sworn says that said paper contains the true last will and testament of the said dec'd. so far as they know and believe - that they will and truly execute the same, so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge thereon. and that they will make a true and correct inventory and appraisement of the Estate of the said dec'd. and return the same into the Ordinary's Office in order to be recorded within the time prescribed by law.

Subscribed before me this
22 July 1866
William Hile, c. c. d.

Samuel Hunter
James R. Cunningham,

Last Will & Testament
of
James W. Shaw dec'd

State of South Carolina, Abbeville District.
In the name of God, Amen.

I James W. Shaw of said State and District being of sound mind and disposing memory knowing the certainty of death and being desirous of disposing of what earthly goods it has pleased God to bless me with do make this my last Will and Testament in form and manner following, viz. —

I desire that all my just debts and funeral Expenses be paid from the Proceeds of Property hereafter directed to be sold and debts due me

I will to my Beloved wife Mary Shaw for her own separate use and behoof a Tract of Land situated in the District aforesaid on Saluda River known as the Gaines and Ware Tract containing Seven Hundred and fifty two acres more or less I also give and bequeath to my wife Mary Shaw for and during her natural life my Home Tract to start at B. M. Latimers Corner on Wards Road following said Road to a Branch or the Corner of the S. L. Mosley & Reeves Corner thence along the Mosley line to the Corner of the Martin Land beyond the Martin Branch thence to a Corner near the old Mill dam on Turkey Creek where the Johnson Tract comes to thence with that Tract to where it strikes the Mosley Land thence along the Mosley line to the Latimers Land and to embrace the Owens Place all the Land north of the said Line that I own to said Wards Road all to be known as the Home Place with all my stock Plantations Tools Household and Kitchen furniture Blacksmith Tools & Provisions on hand

I desire that the following Property to be sold by my Executor hereinafter named for the purpose of Paying Debts and funeral expenses (viz.) the House and Lots in Horse Path, the Gaines or Wm. Mosley Place to embrace the said Gaines Place the Line to be extended along the Wm. Robinson Line towards the Egg Place some Three Hundred yards thence to run to a Pine towards Wards Road thence back along the Line between the Egg Place and the S. Gaines Place this Tract to be called the Gaines Place another Tract the Johnson Place with the following addition the Line Running from the Maple Corner near A. Morrison to the Iron-wood Corner thence to the North Bank of Turkey Creek near the old Mill dam thence to a white oak near the place known as the Foundry on W. C. Mosleys Line or near that point this Tract to be known as the Johnson Place and should the above lands with my share in action not be sufficient to pay my just debts and funeral expenses then I desire that the Tract of Land known as the Owens Place with

Some change in the line^s as hereafter mentioned be also sold the line to start on the Charleston Road near the Mud hole opposite the lower corner of the Lawson Place to strike the Back line West of the Land enclosed by Devonport and should this Tract of Land not be needed to pay Debts be I desire that my wife Mary shall have the right to dispose of the same should she need the Proceeds thereof during her natural life I also desire my wife should my son Richard P. Shaw commenced Farming operations to give him as many of the stock and farming implements as he may need I will to my son Richard P. Shaw a sorrel horse named Charley, I also give him all the Balance of my Real Estate not before disposed of Consisting of Two Houses and Lots at Donnalasville known as the Store Lot and the J. P. Donnell Lot also the balance of Lands not otherwise disposed of on Turkey Creek and should my son R. P. Shaw die leaving no child or children and his Mother being dead I desire that the Lots before mentioned at Donnalasville shall go to Margaret Dodson the wife of A. M. Dodson during her natural life, and then to her children and under the same Provisions the Lands before mentioned on Turkey Creek shall go to my Blood Nephews and Nieces or their legal Representatives. The Property before willed to my wife Mary Shaw during her natural life both Real and Personal at her death shall return to my son Richard P. Shaw for and during his natural life and then to his children the issue of his Body provided however my wife Mary shall have the right to dispose of such of the Personal Property as she may think best, and should my wife Mary Shaw die without making disposition by will or otherwise of the Saluda Tract of Land given to her by the Provisions of this will and should my son R. P. be also dead leaving no issue then I desire that said Tract of Land should be sold and Equally Divided between R. T. Kirkpatrick, Mary Pratt Margaret Dodson Barbary Brook Jane Johnson Elizabeth & Hannah Kirkpatrick or their legal Representatives and should either of the seven before named Children of Jane Taylor die leaving no child or children then the survivors or their legal Representatives shall take the share coming to such deceased child or children - And should my son Richard die without issue then I desire that the Property falling to him after the death of his Mother shall be

Sold and Equally divided between the Nephews and Nieces of my wife Mary and myself of the whole Blood or to their Legal Representatives.

And Lastly I appoint my friends Jas B. Latimer and G. M. Mattison Executors of this my Last Will and Testament with full Power and authority to carry out the Provisions of this will. In witness whereof I James H. Shaw have herunto assigned my name and affixed my seal the Twenty Eighth day of January ~~18~~ Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six.

James H. Shaw (LS)

Signed, sealed, declared and Published for the last will and Testament of the said James H. Shaw in his presence and we in the presence of each other witnessed the due Execution of the same.

B. M. Latimer

J. H. Ware

B. F. Moreley.

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Personally came B. M. Latimer one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, makes oath that he was personally present, and did see James H. Shaw sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the said paper, to be his last will and Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief - that J. H. Ware and B. F. Moreley together with himself, and in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did sign their names as Witnesses to the due Execution thereof.

sworn before me this

9 Feby 1866.

W. Hill. o. a. d.

B. M. Latimer

South Carolina }
Abbeville District } Having Examined B. M. Latimer one of the subscribing Witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and Testament of James H. Shaw dec'd. Orders that it be admitted to Probate in Common form

9 Feby 1866.

William Hill. o. a. d.

South Carolina

Abbeville District } Personally came G. M. Matteson, one
of the Gos. named in the annexed will, and being sworn on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God says that the within
paper is the true last will of the said James H. Shaw decd.
and that he will will and truly execute the same, by
paying first the debts and then the Legacies therein contained
so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law
charge him - that he will make and return into the Office
of the Ordinary of the said District, a true Inventory and
Appraisement of the Estate of the said deceased, within the
time prescribed by law.

Sworn to before me
9 Feby 1866. W. Hill. c. c. d.

G. M. Matteson,

Last Will & Testament } South Carolina }
of James Purley decd. } Abbeville District } 88

In the name of God - Amen.

I, James Purley of said State and District being of sound
and disposing mind, memory and understanding, calling to mind
the uncertainty of life, make and declare this to be my last will
and testament as follows.

Item 1st

I. Give and bequeath to my wife Nancy during her
natural life or widowhood the following real and personal
property namely; the plantation or tract of land on which I
now live in said State and district containing three hundred
and forty seven acres more or less, bounded by lands of
Christian V. Barnes and others; a negro boy named Allen
about seven years of age; a waggon; the plantation tools; one horse
and buggy; to be chosen by my wife Nancy; the household and
kitchen furniture except two bedsteads and beds which are to
be sold; two Cows and Calves; the whole stock of hogs; and
one year's provision for herself and for my son Ephraim, and
for her family and for his family: The above property is de-
vised, given and bequeathed to my wife Nancy without
accountability for use or deterioration: And at the death
of my said wife Nancy, or upon the event of her marriage
I devise, give, and bequeath to my son Ephraim Purley
the land above described, the negro boy Allen, and all
the personally above named, not used and remaining,
to him, his Heirs, Executors Administrators and assigns forever.
charging him the said Ephraim in consideration of this devise

and bequest with the keeping of his mother Nancy during her natural life or widowhood as may be.


Item 2nd I devise, give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Perry the wife of Henry H. Perry to her in trust during her natural life, for her sole and separate use and benefit and for the support of herself and her children, free the debts, contracts, or assignments of her present or any future husband my tract of land in Pickens District in this State containing one hundred and thirty five acres more or less near or adjoining lands of Tyra Mauldin and others, and on which the said Henry H. Perry and family now live.

Also a negro woman named Lucinda about thirty two years of age and her children Martha about five years old, and an infant a few months old; a negro boy named Green now about nine years of age, and a black mule Colt known as Peter; The said real and personal property mentioned in this second item to be in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Margaret as above set forth, for and during her natural life, and at the death of my said daughter Margaret all the said property real and personal in this item mentioned and the increase of the slaves, is to be divided equally, share and share alike among such children as my said daughter Margaret may leave living at the time of her death - the child or children of a pre deceased child to represent the parent: And I further direct that no partition ^{or division} of the property mentioned in this second item be made until after the death of my said daughter Margaret: and until the youngest child of my said daughter Margaret, attains the age of twenty one years, when the said division shall be made among her children as aforesaid free from trust absolutely and in fee simple: With power to the said Margaret and a trustee - and if no trustee exist - to herself and her husband to sell the said tract of one hundred and thirty five acres, and with the proceeds of such sale purchase another tract of land to be held and enjoyed under the same uses and trusts.

Item 3rd I direct that all the balance and residue of my property of whatever kind be sold by my executors - that therefrom and from my moneys and choses in action they pay my debts - that they convert all my estate not mentioned in the first and second items of this my will into Cash and divide the same among my four children William C. Purley - John C. Purley Robert R. Purley and Mary J. Brooks,

wife of Jason T Brooks in the following manner, namely, on a sheet of paper in my own hand writing I have set down what I have given and advanced to each of my children: this paper is headed "A Bill of the Property I give off to the children". on it are placed the property and what I have given to Ephraim and Margaret; but Ephraim and Margaret have no interest in this division; their shares are not to be equalized; they take what is given to them in the items above, and no more. I wish what I have set down on this paper to my children William O Purley, John C Purley, Robert R Purley and Mary J Brooks to be thrown together in Hotch-pot with the sums and money that may arise from the sales directed under this third item and other monies either Cash or Choses in action as named in this third item above, and then the same be equally divided share and share alike between the said William O Purley, John C Purley, Robert R. Purley and Mary J Brooks, excluding my son Ephraim and my daughter Margaret. In short all my property, choses in action and moneys not devised and bequeathed to my wife Nancy, my son Ephraim, and my daughter Margaret and her children as set forth in the first and second items of this my will, are to be converted into Cash by my Executors and same equally divided, taking in the advancements as above described, between my children William O Purley, John C Purley, Robert R Purley, and Mary J Brooks. Should any of these four last named be dead leaving a child or children - such child or children to represent the deceased parent.

I nominate & appoint my sons William O Purley and Ephraim Purley the Executors of this my last will and testament
 Witness my hand and seal this seventh day of August Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Jas Purley 

Signed, sealed and acknowledged as his last will and testament by James Purley, who in our presence executed the same, and we as witnesses in his presence and the presence of each other attested the same as witnesses

Thos Thomson
 R. A. Fair
 R. J. White

The State of S. Ca } Personally came R. A. Fair, one of the subscribers
 Abbeville District } being witnesses to the annexed paper, and being
 sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, made oath, that he
 was personally present, and did see James Purley sign, seal, publish
 pronounce and declare the same to contain his last will and
 Testament, and that the Testator was of sound and disposing mind
 memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief -
 that Mrs. Thomson and R. J. White, together with himself, and in
 the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, did
 sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.
 Sworn before me this 21st Feby 1866 }
 William Hill, C. C. } R. A. Fair

South Carolina }
 Abbeville District } Having examined R. A. Fair one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the annexed paper, and being satisfied
 that it is the true last and Testament of James Purley
 dec'd. Ordered that it be admitted to probate in Common Form
 21st Feby 1866 } William Hill, C. C.

The State of S. Ca } Personally came William O. Purley
 Abbeville District } the surviving individual named as
 Executor in the annexed will, and being duly sworn, says
 that said writing is the true last will and Testament of
 James Purley dec'd. so far as he knows and believes -
 that he will well and truly execute the same so far as
 the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge him.
 that he will make a true and correct inventory of the estate
 of the said dec'd. and return the same into the office of the
 Ordinary of the said Dist. in order to be recorded within the
 time prescribed by laws.
 Sworn to before me this } W. O. Purley.
 21 Feby 1866. William Hill, C. C. }

Last Will & Testament } South Carolina }
 of Christian V. Barnes } Abbeville District }

In the name of God Amen!

I, Christian V. Barnes Senior of the State and District afore-
 said do make, publish, and declare this to be my last will
 and Testament, in manner and form following:

First. I give and bequeath to my son James T. Barnes, of the
 said State and District, the sum of two thousand Dollars

(of \$2000.), and also the sum of two hundred Dollars (\$200.) upon the uses and trusts following; In trust to pay the lawful interest of the said sum of two thousand Dollars, annually, to my beloved wife Martha Barnes; and secondly, to expend the said sum of two hundred dollars in the purchase of a horse and buggy for the use of my said wife Martha during her natural life. It is my will and intention that, at the decease of my said wife, the bequests thus made for her use and benefit, revert to, and become a part of my Estate and be distributed among my heirs at law.

The foregoing bequests, made for the use and benefit of my wife Martha are intended and hereby declared to be in lieu of dower, and a full and entire discharge of my Estate, from all her claims or share in my said Estate or any part thereof.

Second

It is my will, and I hereby direct, that the remainder of my Estate both real and personal be sold by my Executors hereinafter named, and after paying all my just debts, funeral expenses, and the expense of executing this my last Will and Testament, that the proceeds be distributed among my heirs at law (with the exception of my said wife Martha) according to the laws in force in this State for the distribution of intestate estates, in all respects as if this my last will and Testament had not been made.

Third

I hereby appoint my said son James F. Barnes, and my son Christian V. Barnes junior, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twelfth day of December Anno Domini, One thousand eight hundred and sixty five.

Christian V. Barnes, Senr (S)

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Christian V Barnes Senior, to be his last Will and Testament, in our presence, and we, at his request, and in his presence, have signed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of each other.

Jas T. Baskin

Jas. M. Latimer

Wm. A. Giles

The State of So. Ca } Personally appeared Jas. T. Baskin one of the
 Abt. Dist } witnesses to the foregoing writing and being
 duly sworn says that he was personally present and did see
 Christian V. Barnes Sr. sign, seal, publish pronounced and
 declare the said writing to be his last will and testament—
 that the testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and

understanding to the best of his knowledge & belief, and that Jas^t M. Latimer and W^m A. Giles together with himself and in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the testator did sign their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn before me 5 March 1866.

William Hill. o. a. d.

Jas^t T. Bastkin

S. Co. Abb. Dist. - Having examined Jas^t T. Bastkin, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing, and being satisfied that it is the true last will and testament of Christian V. Barnes, Sr. do^t "order it that it be admitted to Probate in Common form"

5 March 1866.

William Hill. o. a. d.

The State of S. Co. } Personally appeared J. T. Barnes and C. V.
Abbeville Dist. } Barnes executors named in the foregoing will
and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, say that said writing contains the last will and testament of Christian V. Barnes Sr. do^t so far as they know & believe - that they will well and truly execute the same by paying the debts and the legacies therein contained so far as the goods and chattels will extend and the law charge thereon; and that they will make and return into the Ordinarys office of the said district a true inventory and appraisement of the estate of the said dec^d within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn before me 5 March 1866

William Hill. o. a. d.

James T. Barnes

C. V. Barnes

The Last Will & Testament } Last Will and Testament.
of Robert Ellis dec^d } In the name of God, Amen.

I, Robert Ellis being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my Last will and Testament in manner following.

Item 1st - I bequeath and appropriate eight hundred dollars to be used by my executor in the erection of a monument to the graves of my deceased wife, my deceased Nephew B. M. Latimer and myself.

Item 2nd - I give and bequeath unto Toliver J. Burton one thousand Dollars in Cash, the horse, saddle & bridle which he uses in riding, one cow & calf (his own choice of my cattle) and one bed and Furniture. In the sums named in the 1st & 2nd items I design specie or its equivalent.

Item 3rd - I give and bequeath unto my Freedman, Dan his life

estate in seventy Acres of land to be laid off to him by my Executors in that Corner of my Tract bounded by the Lands of Elizabeth Ellis and Robert Pratt, & at his death the right and title to revert to my estate

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my Niece Mahalah M^r Adams my family sewing machine

Item 5th It is my wish that so many of my Freed men and women as I have hired to labour for me for the present year to continue in their places, and I instruct and request my Executors faithfully to observe the Conditions of Contract with the said persons. This provision is intend to include the family living on the land know as the semas place.

Item 6th It is my wish and instructions to my Executors that all of my real Estate and personal property, except such as has been above specified, shall be sold, such part of my Cattle, Sheep, hogs and other personal property as may not be necessary on the farm for the present year, immediately & my land and all other property so soon as the crop of the present year has been made and gathered.

Item 7th The proceeds of the above sale of my real estate and personal property, except so much as is included in the above named sums I give and bequeath to the following persons: viz — My Brothers John L. Ellis & Joseph Ellis, My Sisters Elizabeth Tribble and Margaret M^r Adams, The children of my deceased sisters Jane Branyon & Nancy Latimer, James Cowan, John Cowan Elizabeth Lyon and Ann Hawthorn to be equally and fairly divided among the said persons it being noted that the children of my two De^d sisters receive but the portion that would have been received by their mothers, that is the children of each one of my sisters the tenth part of my Estate after all expenses are met and deducted from the estate.

I do nominate and appoint Joseph Ellis & John Cowan to be the Executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six.

Robert Ellis 

In presence of Robt A. Archer
R. C. Tribble
J. N. Young